The Position of the Army.

[Special Dispatch to the Philadelphia Inquirer.] WASHINGTON, January 23.—Intense excitement has prevailed here during the last two days, with regard to the movements of the Army of the Potomac. Rumors have been in circulation embracing every variety of incident that could befall an army, from the pinacle of triumphant success, to the abyss of disaster and defeat.

There is the highest authority for stating that our army has not engaged the enemy, has met no losses, and has not crossed the Rappahannock. We may even go further, and assure our readers that it is safe in its quarters opposite Fredericksburg, awaiting a tavorable conjuction of the elements to allow it to march.

January rains and Virginia mud have again triumphed over the finest army the world ever saw, and the counsels of prudence prevail over the impatient and restive desire for a forward movement.

It is impossible for those at a distance to conceive the fury of the late storm, which has swelled the Rappahannock from a lazy creek into a mighty torrent, and transformed hard roads into ditches filled with soft, oozy mud, into which cavalry floundered, artillery mired, and infantry almost disappeared from sight.

The N. Y. Post, in an article condemnatory of General Fitz John Porter, has this:

He was a zealous partisan of Gen. McClellan. At the desire of McClellan he was promoted to the rank of major-general, for a very doubtful piece of service, and zeal for the honor and interrest of McClellan apparently made him blind to the honor and interest of his country.

The Bankrupt bill will receive consideration after the disposal of the great question of finance. The feeling in favor of its policy is growing.

A member of the Government in high office, replied to a Congressman, who called his attention to an article in the Washington Chronicle, urging the immediate arming of the slaves that editors who purposed to write on that theme had better hurry up, or they would be outstripped by the action of the War Department, already far advanced on that war-path.

Prof. O. A. Brownson, (white man,) Fred. Douglass, (colored man,) and T. W. Brown, a Cayuga chief, (red man,) are lecturing in Chicago.

Arrangements are being made for the speedy emission of the one hundred million new Treasury Notes authorized by the late joint resolution of Congress.

A bill has been introduced in the Legislature of Illinois for the exclusion of free negroes from the State.

The Tercentenary convention of the German reformed Church, which has been in session in Philadelphia for several days, was expected to adjourn sine die last evening.

A general order has been issued and will be promulgated to the army of the United States in a few days, announcing the dismissal of Gen. Porter from the army.

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The Federal army opposite Fredericksburg, is said in the letters from the army, to be put to some inconvenience for the want of wood.

The Prince Georgian of Md., takes decided and strong grounds against the "emancipation with compensation" policy-and says that "the people of Maryland will never consent to emancipation" under the present circumstances.

MARRIED.

On the 18th instant, by Rev. Jesse Shreeve, WILLIAM D. SHAW, of Baltimore city, to Miss CATHARINE A. WILSON, of Baltimore county.

DIED.

On the 23d inst., JAMES TUBMAN, in the 53d year of his age. He leaves a wife and seven children, who deeply mourn their loss. The friends and acquaintances of the family are invited to attend his funeral, from his late residence, on Cameron street, between Henry and Patrick streets, on to-morrow (Sunday) afternoon, at 3 o'clock. [Baltimore Sun and Port Tobacco Times please copy.]

On Tuesday, 13th inst., after a short but painful illness, HORATIO NEUMAN, of Prince George's county, Md., in the 74th year of his age.

In Prince George's county, Md., on the 20th inst., at "The Retreat," the residence of his daughter, Mrs. L. M. Brown, after a lingering illness, JUDSON NAYLOR, in the 74th year of his age.

TO THE VOTERS OF ALEXAN-DRIA.-FELLOW-CITIZENS: Yielding to the solicitation of numerous friends, 1 announce myself a candidate for the office of Mayor .-Should it be your good pleasure to elect me, I will promise to discharge the duties of the office with whatsoever of ability I possess, with honesty and with sobr ety. W. L. PENN. jan 24-3t

NOTICE.-By Divine permission, the Rev. J. K. Nichols, President of the Maryland Annual Conference, will preach in the Methodist Protestant church, to-morrow (Sunday), both morning and evening. Services at 11 a.m. and 7 p. m.

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PFTER G. GRIMES, Sheriff of P. G. county, Md. jan 16—law3w

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